

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

June 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL BUREAUS

SUBJECT: Messages to the President on the Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

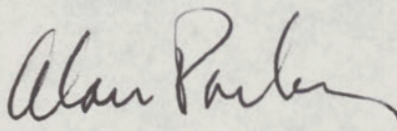
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Telegrams of reply are due in S/S at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 11.



Alan Parker
S/S-S
Ext. 7552

ATTACHMENT I

OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State

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ACTION: Amembassy LONDON

Info:

STATE

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO (PRIME MINISTER):

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE

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END

Drafted by:

EUR/ABC:BBrown

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EUR:Mr. Smith

Clearances:

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Helsinki
June 7, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington

Deeply grieved by the great loss to the United States
and to the world incurred by the tragic death of
Senator Robert Kennedy. I extend to you and the
American people my warmest sympathy.

Urho Kekkonen
President of the
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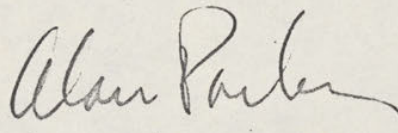
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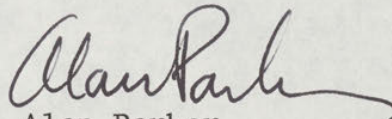
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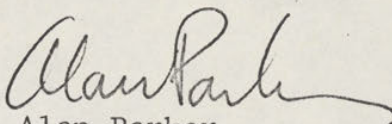
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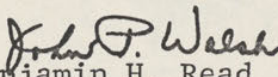
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on the Death
of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

I enclose for presentation to Mrs. Kennedy, a book of messages of condolence received by the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of State on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

A proposed letter from the President to Mrs. Kennedy is also enclosed.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Presentation Book
2. Proposed Letter

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PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
OF MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE
FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES
ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

Dear Ethel:

Please accept, once again, my deepest sympathy over the tragic death of your husband. With this letter, I am sending a book containing the messages of condolence received by the White House, the Vice President's office, and the Department of State, from foreign heads of state and other government leaders, parliamentarians, foreign ministers and from other distinguished persons abroad. All these have been acknowledged.

These messages again remind us of the leadership, vision, and personal appeal that Bob possessed in such large measure, not only for the people of the United States, but the peoples of all the world.

Our prayers continue for you and your family. The courage and dignity you have shown under tragic circumstances are an example to all the people of our nation.

Sincerely,

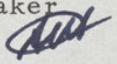
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 10, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Benjamin Read
State Department

FROM: Whitney Shoemaker



Attached is a letter to the President enclosing a resolution and our acknowledgment. Would you please send both by pouch to the post in India which includes Kerala State in its consular district for information and dispatch of reply.

Many thanks.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 10, 1968

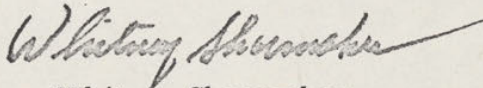
Dear Mr. Joseph:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for sharing with him the concern and grief of Branch 136, The All Kerala Catholic Congress, on the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. You have the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness.

As you requested, your resolution has also been forwarded to the Kennedy family.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Ittyerah Joseph, M.A., A.I.I.Sc.
President, The All Kerala Catholic Congress
Branch 136
Nedunthaly - Maliekal
Convent Road
N. Parur
Kerala State, India

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TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE		TO THE DEPARTMENT
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ITEMS/REMARKS Letter from the White House (Shoemaker) for transmittal to Mr. Ittyerah Joseph, M.A., A.I.I.Sc. President, the All Kerala Catholic Congress, Branch 136, Nedunthaly - Maliekal, Convent Road, N. Parur, Kerala State, India. Copy, plus copy of incoming, enclosed for your information.		
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From - Ittyerah Joseph M.A., A.I.I.Sc.,
President, The All Kerala Catholic Congress,
Branch No.136, N.Parur, Kerala State, India.

To - Mr.Lyndon B.Johnson,
President, U.S.A.,
The White House, Washington, U.S.A..

Most Respected Sir,

Herewith I am enclosing two copies of a condolence resolution passed by the local branch of the A.K.C.C.. One is for your good self. The other is for Mrs.Ethel Kennedy. Kindly arrange to direct the latter copy to her personal address.

I beg to offer you all my personal condolences also on this most heart rending tragedy.

I beg to remain,

Most respected Sir,

N.PARUR

16-6-1968

Yours faithfully,

Ittyerah Joseph

President, A.K.C.C., Branch no.136,
N.Parur, Kerala State, India.

The "ALL KERALA CATHOLIC CONGRESS" Branch No.136
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regret at the tragic and premature death of the great Senator,
Robert F.Kennedy by a villanous and dastardly shot at the Amba-
ssador Hotel in Los Angeles.

This death is a great loss to America and to all
the civilised world where equality and brotherhood of men are
respected and estimated.

This meeting conveys to Mrs.Ethel Kennedy and to
the President of the United State of America the sincere condo-
lescences of all the members of this Branch No.136 of the A.K.C.
C.,Kerala State,India.

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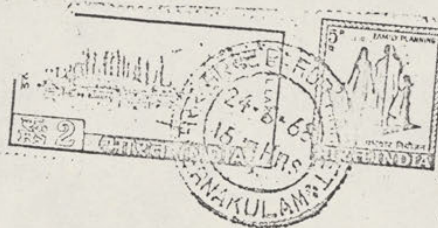
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KERALA State
INDIA

Mr. Lyndon - B. Johnson
President. U. S. A
The White House
WASHINGTON
The United States of America



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NEA: MR HANDLEY
S/S: MR PARKER

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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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1. PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT TO KING: QTE:

HIS MAJESTY
MOHAMMAD ZAHER
KING OF AFGHANISTAN
KABUL

YOUR MAJESTY:

I WISH TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S
KIND WORDS OF SYMPATHY OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY.

ALL AMERICANS HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED BY HIS SUDDEN AND
TRAGIC PASSING. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND HER MAJESTY, QUEEN
HOMAIRA, SHARE IN OUR SORROW WILL HELP SUSTAIN US IN THESE
GRIEVOUS DAYS.

I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MAJESTIES' MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND
MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY, LYNDON B. JOHNSON
UNQTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PALACE.

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QUOTE: HIS EXCELLENCY LYNDON B. JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY. THE QUEEN AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
AND THROUGH YOU TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY THE EXPRESSION OF OUR
PERSONAL HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES. MOHAMMAD ZAHER
UNQUOTE. EXEMPT. RUSK

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message From the President to the King of
Afghanistan Acknowledging His Condolences on
the Death of Senator Kennedy

The King of Afghanistan has sent a telegram to the President expressing, on his own behalf and on behalf of Queen Homaira, condolences on the death of Senator Kennedy. A copy of the King's message is enclosed.

A suggested message of acknowledgement is also enclosed. The standard language for messages of acknowledgement which was previously cleared by the White House was not considered appropriate in this case because it has already been employed in a message from the President to the Afghan Prime Minister.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. King's message to the President
2. Suggested Message

Clearances:

NEA/PAF - Mr. Prescott
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NEA - Mr. Handley *WP* (draft)
S/S - Mr. Parker

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Kabul
June 12, 1968

His Excellency
Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
of America
The White House
Washington

Deeply grieved by the sad news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The Queen and I would like to convey to Your Excellency and through you to the bereaved family the expression of our personal heartfelt sympathies and condolences.

Mohammad Zaher
King of Afghanistan

SUGGESTED MESSAGE

His Majesty
Mohamad Zaher
King of Afghanistan
Kabul

Your Majesty:

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation for Your Majesty's kind words of sympathy over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

All Americans have been profoundly shocked by his sudden and tragic passing. The knowledge that you and Her Majesty, Queen Homaira, share in our sorrow will help sustain us in these grievous days.

I shall transmit Your Majesties' message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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S/S:MR. ALAN PARKER

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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FROM PRIME MINISTER NUR
AHMED ETAMADI:

"H.E. PRESIDENT LNYDON B. JOHNSON

THE TRAGIC NEWS OF THE IRREPARABLE LOSS OF SENATOR
KENNEDY HAS SHOCKED US. THIS LOSS IS NOT ONLY THAT OF
THE UNITED STATES BUT WHEREVER MEN CHERISH LIBERTY.
WE IN AFGHANISTAN SHARE THIS LOSS WITH YOU.

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND I
SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL CONVEY THEM TO
THE MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY

NUR AHMAD ETAMADI
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER OF AFGHANISTAN"

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S/S-S:MR. PARKER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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PRESIDENT ONGANIA:

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MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA SHARE THE SADNESS
AND GRIEF OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ROBERT F. KENNEDY
WILL FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR COUNTRY AS A STATESMAN WHO
DEDICATED HIS YOUTH TO HIS IDEALS. OUR HOPE IS THAT HIS IMAGE
MAY SERVE AS A SYMBOL OF UNDERSTANDING AND THAT HIS MEMORY IN OUR
AMERICAN CONTINENT MAY SERVE TO STIMULATE RENEWED EFFORTS IN SEARCH

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OF THE COMMON GOOD. PLEASE ACCEPT, THROUGH ME, THE SINCERE
CONDOLENCES OF THE ARGENTINE NATION. JUAN CARLOS ONGANIA,
PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION. UNQTE. RUSK

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ETATPRIORITE AL PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS
DE AMERICA, LYNDON B JOHNSON WASHINGTONDC
EL PUEBLO Y EL GOBIERNO DE LA NACION ARGENTINA
SIENTE COMO SUYO EL DOLOR Y LA CONGOJA DE LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA.

ROBERT F KENNEDY QUEDARA EN LA HISTORIA DE
VUESTRO PAIS COMO UN
ESTADISTAS QUE BRINDO SU JUVENTUD A SUS IDEALES.

QUE SEA SU IMAGEN FIGURA DE ENCUENTROS Y ENTENDIMIENTOS
Y SU RECUERDO EN NUESTRO CONTINENTE AMERICANO
RAZON PARA RENOVAR ESFUERZOS EN POS DEL BIENESTAR
COMUN, ES NUESTRO DESEO.

RECIBA POR MI INTERMEDIO LAS SINCERAS CONDOLENCIAS
DE LA NACION ARGENTINA

JUAN CARLOS ONGANIA

PRESIDENTE DE LA NACION ARGENTINA

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BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, JUNE 6, 1968

LYNDON B. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION FEEL, AS THOUGH
IT WERE THEIR OWN, THE SORROW AND ANGUISH OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY WILL GO DOWN IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR COUNTRY
AS A STATESMAN WHO OFFERED UP HIS LIFE TO HIS IDEALS.

MAY THE MEMORY OF HIM ENDURE AS A SYMBOL OF RAPPROACHMENT AND
UNDERSTANDING AND A MOTIVE IN OUR AMERICAN HEMISPHERE FOR RENEWED EFFORTS
FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE ARGENTINE NATION.

JUAN CARLOS ONGANIA
PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE NATION



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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO LORD CASEY FROM THE PRESIDENT:

"DEAR LORD CASEY: I WAS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TELEGRAM. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF AT THE TRAGIC LOSS OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION TO ME AND TO MY FELLOW AMERICANS.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON"

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOVERNOR GENERAL.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QT: WE SHARE WITH YOU THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS DREADFUL HAPPENING. CASEY GOVERNOR-GENERAL. UNQTE.
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from Governor General
Casey on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a telegram to the President from Governor
General Casey expressing condolences on the assassination
of Senator Kennedy. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

McLane
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Telegram to the President
from Lord Casey.

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Dear Lord Casey:

I was deeply grateful for your telegram. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief at the tragic loss of Senator Kennedy is a source of great comfort and consolation to me and to my fellow Americans.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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1. Please pass the following message to Lord Casey from the President:

"Dear Lord Casey: I was deeply grateful for your telegram.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief at the tragic loss of Senator Kennedy is a source of great comfort and consolation to me and to my fellow Americans.

Lyndon B. Johnson"

2. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.

3. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

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QTE: We share with you the shock and horror of this dreadful happening. Casey Governor-General. UNQTE.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE SHARE WITH YOU THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS
DREADFUL HAPPENING

CASEY GOVERNOR-GENERAL.



*W.H. (Smith) approved NKN
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message to the President from John McEwen
on the Death of Senator Kennedy

Enclosed is a message to the President from the Acting
Prime Minister of Australia, John McEwen conveying the text
of a message of condolence he sent to Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

The Department's recommendation is that no reply need
be sent to the message. Direct messages to the President
have been received from Prime Minister Gorton in Saigon and
from Lord Casey, Governor General. Replies to these have been
sent.

Benjamin H. Read
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Executive Secretary

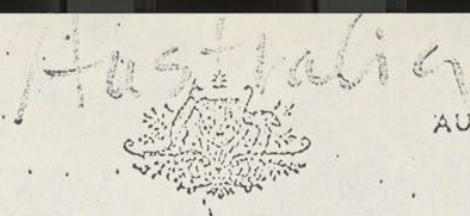
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AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

6th June, 1963

Dear Mr President,

I have been asked by the Acting Prime Minister, The Right Honorable John McEwen, M.P., to convey to you the terms of the message he has sent to Mrs Robert Kennedy:

"On behalf of the Australian Government and people I convey our deepest sympathy to you in your tragic loss. All Australians pray that you and your family will be strengthened at this time. I wish you to know that your late husband's social achievements, public works and high moral courage have been held in the highest esteem. We in this country are greatly saddened by his passing."

Yours sincerely,

(Keith Waller)
Ambassador

The President,
The White House,
WASHINGTON D.C.



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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER GORTON:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQUOTE
2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.
3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I WAS PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH, WHICH SEEMS SO UNREAL TO ME AFTER MY VISIT WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES LAST WEEK.

I HAVE SENT TO MRS. KENNEDY FROM HERE A MESSAGE OF THE HEARTFELT SYMPATHY WHICH BETTY AND I FEEL FOR HER AND THE CHILDREN. BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND ALL YOUR PEOPLE AT THIS GRIEVOUS TIME. JOHN GORTON UNQTE RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO CHANCELLOR KLAUS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY CHANCELLOR.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OF MYSELF, I ASK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ACCEPT OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY ON THE TERRIBLE LOSS SUFFERED BY YOUR COUNTRY THROUGH THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HIS TRAGEDY STIRS OUR HEARTS PROFOUNDLY, BUT THE GOALS FOR WHICH HE DIED REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT OF OUR MINDS.

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JOSEF KLAUS, FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
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MRS. LYNDEN O. PINDLING, WIFE OF THE PREMIER OF THE BAHAMAS,
HAS ASKED THAT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM BE DELIVERED TO MRS.
ROBERT F. KENNEDY. TEXT FOLLOWS:

"THE PREMIER AND I ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH
OF YOUR HUSBAND. HIS PASSING IS A NATIONAL LOSS TO YOUR
COUNTRY. WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF. MAY GOD KEEP YOU AND
STRENGTHEN YOU AND COMFORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THESE
DIFFICULT HOURS. SIGNED MRS. LYNDEN O. PINDLING".
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TO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO RULER OF
BAHRAIN

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR HIGHNESS AND YOUR PEOPLE SHARE OUR
GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT
YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RULER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF RULER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT:

QTE MY GOVERNMENT, MY PEOPLE AND MYSELF ARE SHOCKED AND
DISTRESSED TO HEAR OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. WE
ARE APPALLED AT THIS DREADFUL CRIME AND OFFER TO YOU AND TO THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT THIS SAD TIME.

ISA BIN SULMAN ALKHALIFAH, RULER OF BAHRAIN AND ITS DEPEND-
ENCIES. UNQTE. RUSK

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER
BARROW:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT SENT THROUGH BARBADOS EMBASSY, WASHINGTON:

QTE I WAS PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED ON HEARING OF TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT DEEPEST CONDOLENCE OF MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BARBADOS AND CONVEY OUR SYMPATHY TO WIDOW AND FAMILY. UNQTE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TELEGRAM DATED JUNE 5 TO MRS. ETHEL
KENNEDY:

QUOTE. THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF ST. VINCENT ARE SHOCKED
TO HEAR OF ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE AND PRAY THAT
HE WILL HAVE A SPEEDY AND COMPLETE RECOVERY. ADMINISTRATOR ST.
VINCENT. END QUOTE
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO KING BAUDOUIN:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PALA CE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF KING'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE QUEEN AND I AS WELL AS ALL OUR COMPATRIOTS ARE PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. WE CONVEY TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GREAT GRIEF THIS EVENT HAS BROUGHT YOUR COUNTRY. BAUDOUIN I. UNQTE. RUSK

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PRESIDENT DES ETATS UNIS D AMERIQUE WASHINGTONDC

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SUBJECT: PRIMIN VANDEN BOEYNANTS' TELEGRAM TO MRS.
ROBERT F. KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE SENT TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY BY BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER PAUL VANDEN BOEYNANTS:

"DEEPLY MOVED BY THE COWARDLY ATTACK WHICH HAS TAKEN YOUR HUSBAND FROM YOU AND DEPRIVED YOUR CHILDREN OF THEIR FATHER, ACCEPT, I BEG OF YOU, THIS EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

" THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE SHARING THE SENTIMENTS OF SORROW AND INDIGNATION WHICH MOVE THE ENTIRE WORLD, BOW BEFORE YOUR SORROW AND THAT OF YOUR FAMILY, DEPLORING THE LOSS TO THE UNITED STATES OF ONE OF ITS MOST BRILLIANT LEADERS."

2. FONOFF HAS GIVEN TEXT TO PRESS. KNIGHT

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO VICE PM DE
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1. QTE I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. ALL AMERICANS
WERE SHOCKED AND SADDENED BY THIS TRAGEDY. IT IS A CONSOLATION
TO KNOW THAT OUR LOSS IS SHARED BY OUR FRIENDS. UNQTE

2. QTE I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS
OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY VICE PRIME MINISTER. RUSK

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June 14, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW

THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Reply to Message of Condolence from Belgian Vice
Prime Minister, Willy de Clercq

The approved reply to expressions of condolence on the death of Senator Robert Kennedy was used to acknowledge a message from the King of Belgium. A proposed alternative reply to the message from the Vice Prime Minister is submitted for your approval. De Clercq, a key NATO supporter and former Fulbrighter, was received by President Johnson in March, 1967.

Samuel Walker
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Vice Prime Minister's Message to the President

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The Honorable Willy de Clercq
Vice Prime Minister of Belgium
Brussels, Belgium

Dear Mr. Minister:

Ambassador Knight has conveyed to me your message of condolence at the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. It has shocked and saddened all the American people and on their behalf I thank you. At such a time we especially appreciate the kind words of a good friend of America who understands and shares our ideals.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson



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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6610

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SUBJ: VICE PRIME MINISTER DE CLERCQ'S EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES
TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND KENNEDY FAMILY

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE RECEIVED TODAY
BY THE AMBASSADOR FROM VICE PRIME MINISTER WILLY DE CLERCQ:

"DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I WISH TO ASK YOU TO TRANSMIT MY SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. ALL PEACE LOVING MEN WILL FEEL THE BRUTAL DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS A BLOW AND AN AGRESSION AGAINST THE IDEALS OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY. IT IS AN IMMENSE LOSS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES." KNIGHT

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT REY SENDS CONDOLENCES

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONVEY TO MRS. KENNEDY THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE FROM PRESIDENT JEAN REY: " IT WAS WITH PROFOUND EMOTION THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES LEARNED OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. MY COLLEAGUES AND I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES. WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER SENATOR KENNEDY AS A MAN OF JUSTICE AND COURAGE WHO SACRIFICED HIS LIFE TO THE IDEAL OF PEACE AND HUMAN DIGNITY. JEAN REY, PRESIDENT." SCHAETZEL

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO SYG BROGIO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU AND THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY SYG.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF SYG'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT: QTE THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL GREATLY GRIEVED AND SHOCKED FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY HAVE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THEIR HEART-FELT CONDOLENCES. THEY SHARE WITH ME THE DEEP SORROW OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. MANLIO BROGIO UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NORTH ATLANTIC CONSUL GREATLY GRIEVED AND
SHOCKED FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY
HAVE ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THEIR HEARTFELT
CONDOLENCES STOP THEY SHARE WITH ME THE DEEP SORROW
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

MANLIO BRISIO



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
BARRIENTOS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT BARRIENTOS' MESSAGE TO
THE PRESIDENT:

QTE EXCELENTISIMO SENOR LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS
UNIDOS DE AMERICA, WASHINGTON, D.C. PROFUNDAMENTE CONSTERNADO POR EL
ALEVOSO CRIMEN DE QUE FUE VICTIMA EL ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. HAGO LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA EN NOMBRE DEL PUEBLO
BOLIVIANO Y EN EL MIO PROPIO LA MAS SINCERA CONDOLENCIA Y NUESTRA
PLENA SOLIDARIDAD CON EL DOLOR QUE AFLIGE AL PUEBLO DE LOS ESTADOS

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UNIDOS POR TAN INFAUSTA MUERTE, ASI COMO NUESTRO REPUDIO A QUIENES
INTENTAN DOBLEGAR LAS IDEAS CON LA VIOLENCIA.

RENUOVO A VUESTRA CEXCELENCIA LOS SENTIMIENTOS DE MI MAS ALTO
APRECIO Y CONSIDERACION. GRAL RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUNO, PRESIDENTE
CONSTITUCIONAL DE BOLIVIA. UNQTE. RUSK

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DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA WASHINGTONDC
PROFUNDAMENTE CONSTERNADO POR EL ALEVOSO CRIMEN DE QUE
3 FUE VICTIMA EL ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY HAGO
LLEGAR A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA EN NOMBRE DEL PUEBLO
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PUEBLO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS POR TAN INFAUSTA MUERTE.
ASI COMO NUESTRO REPUDIO A QUIENES INTENTAN DOBLEGAR
LAS IDEAS CON LA VIOLENCIA STOP RENUEVO A VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA LOS SENTIMIENTOS DE MI MAS ALTO APRECIO
Y CONSIDERACION.

GRAL RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUNO

3 PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE BOLIVIA

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HIS EXCELLENCY LYNDON B. JOHNSON,
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY SHOCKED AT THE APPALLING CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST THE
DISTINGUISHED SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY,
IN THE NAME OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE AND IN MY OWN, OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES
AND FULL SYMPATHY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR GRIEF
OVER HIS UNFORTUNATE DEATH, AS WELL AS OUR CONDEMNATION OF THOSE WHO
ATTEMPT TO DESTROY IDEAS BY VIOLENCE. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION.

GENERAL RENE BARRIENTOS ORTUÑO
CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA



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TO AMEMBASSY GABERONES

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
SIR SERETSE KHAMA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

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A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGES TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT KHAMA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM
KHAMA DELIVERED BY EMBASSY HERE BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL

QTE THE BOTSWANA NATION AND MYSELF HAVE LEARNED WITH
DEEPEST SHOCK AND HORROR OF THE SENSELESS ATTEMPT ON THE
LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT FROM ME AND ON

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BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA OUR DEEPEST
SYMPATHY TO YOU, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES AND THE FAMILY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. MAY HIS LIFE
BE SPARED. UNQTE. RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

In addition to messages from Prime Minister Eshkol of Israel, Apostolic Delegate Raimondi, and President Pacheco of Uruguay referred by Mr. Bromley Smith on June 5, the Department has received messages for the President from President Sunay of Turkey, Governor General Michener of Canada, President Khama of Botswana, and Cardinal Cicognani, Vatican Secretary of State. All of these messages were dispatched before Senator Kennedy's death.

Copies of the Sunay, Michener, Khama, and Cicognani messages are enclosed.

Also enclosed is draft language which the Department recommends be used as appropriate in reply to these and subsequent messages. This recommendation supersedes that of the Department's memorandum (S/S 8316) of June 5.

BHR

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

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Suggested Language

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a deep shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation to us.

Lyndon B. Johnson

TEXT OF CABLE TELEPHONED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT BY
THE EMBASSY OF BOTSWANA, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

TO: President Lyndon B. Johnson

"Mr. President:

The Botswana nation and myself have
learned with deepest shock and horror of
the senseless attempt on the life of Senator
Robert Kennedy. Please accept from me and
on behalf of the Government and the people
of Botswana our deepest sympathy to you, the
Government and the people of the United States
and the family of Senator Robert Kennedy. May
his life be spared.

" /s/(Sir) Seretse Khama

"President of the Republic
of Botswana"



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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR TRANSMITTAL PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED MY MESSAGE EXPRESSING OUR SHOCK AND HORROR AT THE TRAGIC SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. AT THE TIME THE MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED TO YOU THE WORLD STILL WAITED IN THE HOPE THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE SPARED AND HIS STRENGTH RESTORED TO ENABLE HIM TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AMERICA AND HUMANITY.

THIS HAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT BEEN THE CASE AND ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH HAS SADDENED NOT ONLY MY NATION AND MYSELF, BUT THE WORLD. NO BETTER TRIBUTE CAN BE PAID HIM THAN THE UPHOLDING OF THE IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STOOD.

MAY I, MR. PRESIDENT, EXTEND TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA MY CONDOLENCES AS WELL AS THOSE OF MY WIFE AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF BOTSWANA. SERETSE KHAMA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA UNQUOTE
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S/S - MR. PARKER

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TO AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
COSTA E SILVA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST AP-
PRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANS-
MIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT COSTA E SILVA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF PRESIDENT COSTA
E SILVA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE IN THE NAME OF THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE, I JOIN WITH YOUR
EXCELLENCY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THEIR DEEP SORROW AND
IN PAYING HOMAGE TO SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WHOSE PUBLIC LIFE
WAS ALWAYS INSPIRED BY THE IDEALS OF PEACE AND HUMAN BROTHER-
HOOD. WITH DEEP REGARDS, ARTHUR DA COSTA E SILVA, PRESI-
DENT OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL. UNQTE. RUSK

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PRESIDENTE LYNDON B JOHNSON CASA BLANCA WASHINGTON USA
EM NOME DO POVO BRASILEIRO VG SOLIDARIZOME COM VOSSA EXCELENCIA
E COM O POVO NORTE AMERICANO NO PROFUNDO PESAR E NAS HOMENAGENS
QUE SERAO PRESTADAS AO SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY VG CUJA MARCANTE
VIDA PUBLICA SEMPRE SE INSPIROU NOS IDEAIS DE PAZ E SOLIDARIEDADE
HUMANA PT ATENCIOSAS SAUDACOES VG

ARTUR DA COSTA E SILVA VG

PRESIDENTE DA REPUBLICA FEDERATIVA DO BRASIL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR

BENJAMIN READ

Director

Executive Secretariat

Attached is our reply to a letter of condolence to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy from the Associacao dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo in Brazil. Would you please have our reply sent by pouch to the Consulate General in Sao Paulo for information and dispatch?

Thanks.



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Borges:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Associacao dos Funcionarios Publicos do Estado de Sao Paulo at this time of sorrow.

Sincerely,



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Christovam Benedicto Borges
Presidente do Conselho
Associacao dos Funcionarios
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São Paulo, 11 de junho de 1.968.

Excelentíssima Senhora:

O Conselho Deliberativo da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, tem a honra de expressar-lhe, e a todos os membros da ilustre família Kennedy, os sentimentos de profundo pesar pelo infausto passamento do preclaro Senador da República Norte Americana, Robert Francis Kennedy.

Robert Kennedy, a exemplo do saudoso Presidente Kennedy, representou a melhor expressão dos sentimentos cristãos do grande povo americano, seu profundo humanismo, seus anseios de liberdade e democracia, reagivando, com bravura moral, e autenticidade, as luminosas tradições dessa grande nação que nos brasileiros tanto admiramos.

Tombou um mártir das liberdades humanas, mas, a sua bandeira de luz tremulará nos ceus americanos como um símbolo eterno de fraternidade humana, de entendimento entre os povos, de liberdade, justiça e democracia !

Os grandes homens, como o Senador Robert Kennedy não morrem: vivem a eternidade do seu ideal, principalmente do grande ideal de Paz Universal !

Queira, portanto, Senhora, receber a solidariedade de todos os membros da Associação dos Funcionários Públicos do Estado de São Paulo, na grande dor que a atingiu e feriu a sensibilidade cristã de toda a humanidade.

Respeitosamente,


CHRISTOVAM BENEDICTO BORGES

Presidente do Conselho Deliberativo

Excelentíssima Senhora
ETHEL KENNEDY
Casa Branca
Estados Unidos da América do Norte

BRAZIL

BR-
Brazil

JUN 27 1968

His Excellency
Vasco Leitao da Cunha
Brazilian Ambassador

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your message to him expressing condolences on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

This tragic and untimely event has been a deep shock to all Americans. The President has asked that I express his deep appreciation for your words of sympathy and I should like to add my own personal appreciation for your thoughtful message.

Sincerely yours,

Covey T. Oliver

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE GREAT LOSS
WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED WITH THE TRAGIC PASSING
AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY

VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR.



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*Approved by WH (Bowler)
for Mr. Oliver's signature*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 13, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message of Condolence from Brazilian
Ambassador to President Johnson on the
Death of Senator Robert Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of a message of condolence from
Brazilian Ambassador Leitao da Cunha to President Johnson on
the death of Senator Kennedy.

The Department recommends that an acknowledgement be sent
on the President's behalf by Assistant Secretary of State
Covey T. Oliver. A copy of the suggested reply is enclosed.

Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply.
2. Copy of message from Brazilian Ambassador.

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Clearances: ARA/DR - Mr. Kubisch
S/S - Mr. Parker

ARA - Miss Eltz *pmc*

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

President Johnson has asked that I reply to your message of condolence on the death of Senator Kennedy.

This tragic and untimely event has come as a profound shock to all Americans. The President has asked that I express his deep appreciation for your words of sympathy, and I should like to add my own personal appreciation for your thoughtful message.

Sincerely yours,

Covey T. Oliver
Assistant Secretary for
Interamerican Affairs

The Honorable
Vasco Leitao da Cunha,
Brazilian Ambassador,
3007 Whitehaven Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES FOR THE GREAT LOSS
WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED WITH THE TRAGIC PASSING
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VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR.

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TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
AHIDJO:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS TO YOU, YOUR GOVERNMENT AND THE CAMEROONIAN PEOPLE MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GERC.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE. WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY SHAKEN BY THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY FOLLOWING AN ATTACK ON HIS PERSON. IN THESE TRAGIC AND SORROWFUL MOMENTS, THE CAMEROONIAN PEOPLE, MY GOVERNMENT, AND I MYSELF ASK YOU TO ACCEPT AND TO CONVEY TO THE STRICKEN FAMILY THE EXPRESSION OF OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCE.

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HIGH CONSIDERATION. AHMADOU AHIDJO, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON. UNQTE RUSK

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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOVERNOR GENERAL.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE AS OUR HOPES OF YESTERDAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAVE BEEN SHATTERED, WE HAVE REGRETFULLY TO ACCEPT WITH YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN THE TRAGIC LOSS OF ONE WHOSE SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS NATIONAL LIFE HAVE BEEN ADMIRERD AND WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED IN CANADA. ROLAND MICHENER UNQTE RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Messages of Condolence on Shooting
and Death of Senator Kennedy

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BHR

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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Suggested Language

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Lyndon B. Johnson

CANADIAN EMBASSY



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1746 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.,
Washington, D.C.,
June 5, 1968.

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I should be grateful if you would transmit
the following message from Governor General Michener
to President Johnson:

"Dear President Johnson,

I am deeply disturbed and grieved, as
are all Canadians, by the brutal assault on
Senator Robert Kennedy last night. We offer
our sympathy to his family and to the American
people and earnestly pray for his recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Roland Michener"

Yours sincerely,

A. E. Ritchie,
Ambassador

The Honourable
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE I AM DEEPLY GREATFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. UNQTE.
2. QTE IT IS CONFORTING TO KNOW THAT THE GRIEF AND SENSE OF LOSS EXPERIENCED BY ALL AMERICANS IN RECENT DAYS IS SHARED BY YOUR COUNTRYMEN. I AM PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR DESIGNATION OF LESTER B. PEARSON, ONE OF CANADA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS, AS YOUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE SENATOR'S FUNERAL. I SHALL CONVEY YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR SENSE OF SHOCK AND LOSS AT THE TRAGEDY WHICH YOU MOURN. THE DEATH OF ONE WHO DEDICATED HIMSELF SO COURAGEOUSLY TO THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY EVOKES THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN CANADA. WE JOIN WITH YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN YOUR

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Acknowledgment of Condolence
Message from Canadian Prime
Minister to President

Enclosed is a suggested reply to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau's message of condolence over the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. A copy of the Prime Minister's message is also enclosed.

Alternative language is proposed in this instance because the standard reply is being transmitted to the Governor General. Moreover, it is believed desirable to make specific reference to attendance at the funeral services in New York by former Prime Minister Pearson, who served as Mr. Trudeau's personal representative as well as the official representative of the Government of Canada. Following approval of the Trudeau message, we propose to send the two messages simultaneously.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from Prime Minister Trudeau

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU:

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL:

1. QTE The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy. UNQTE
2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Governor General.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Governor General's message to the President:

QTE As our hopes of yesterday for the recovery of Senator Robert F. Kennedy have been shattered, we have regretfully to accept with you and your countrymen the tragic loss of one whose service to his country and contributions to its national life have been admired and will be long remembered

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2. QTE It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, ~~with whom~~ as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family. Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE
3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no objection to release by Prime Minister.
4. Following, FYI, is text of Prime Minister's message to the President:

QTE On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbours in Canada.

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We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief
at this time. Pierre Elliott Trudeau UNQTE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada
to the President of the United States of America

"Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government of Canada I wish to express to you our sense of shock and loss at the tragedy which you mourn. The death of one who dedicated himself so courageously to the service of his country evokes the profound sympathy of all your friends and neighbors in Canada. We join with you and the people of the United States in your grief at this time.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada"



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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION TEXT OF MESSAGE TO
PRESIDENT FROM QUEBEC PREMIER DANIEL JOHNSON, RECEIVED WHITE
HOUSE JUNE 8:

QTE PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC, OUR DEEP SORROW OVER THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. I BEG YOU TO BE GOOD ENOUGH TO
CONVEY OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED.
UNQTE

2. MESSAGE HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF
THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.

3. UNLESS EMBASSY BELIEVES ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM WASHINGTON
PREFERABLE, SUGGEST AMBASSADOR OR CONGEN QUEBEC SEND APL
PROPRIATE RESPONSE IN BEHALF PRESIDENT AFTER CONSULTING TO
DEGREE YOU THINK DESIRABLE WITH EXTAFF.

4. FYI. NO MESSAGES RECEIVED WASHINGTON FROM OTHER PROVIN-
CIAL PREMIERS. RUSK

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White House (Mr. Fried) approved with
additional sentence (Ruth Booth to jmj,
6/17/68)

June 14, 1968

Date

Telegram sent 6/17/68, 1:30 pm

Mr. Walt W. Rostow
The White House

The enclosed is for White House
clearance prior to transmission.

Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Tel to OTTAWA re D. Johnson message

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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 14, 1968

S/S - Mr. Brown

It was my thought that we might wish to send this to the White House for clearance, without a memo.

Alan Parker
S/S-S
Ext. 5130, Rm 7239

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1. Following is English translation text of message to President from Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, received White House June 8:

QTE Permit me to express to you, in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec, our deep sorrow over the tragic death of Senator Kennedy. I beg you to be good enough to convey our sincere condolences

to the family of the deceased. UNQTE

2. Message has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

3. Unless Embassy believes acknowledgment from Washington preferable, suggest Ambassador or ConGen Quebec send appropriate response in behalf President after consulting to degree you think desirable with EXTAFF.

4. FYI. No messages received Washington from other provincial premiers.

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FROM : Amembassy OTTAWA

DATE: June 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Response to Telegram to the President from Quebec
Premier Johnson

REF : STATE 184338 of June 17, 1968

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As suggested in the telegram under reference, the Embassy instructed Quebec City Consul General Cunningham to respond to the telegram of condolence on Senator Kennedy's death addressed by Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson to the President, received at the White House on June 8.

A copy of Consul General Cunningham's response, dated June 19, is attached (see enclosure).

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Enclosure:

Copy of Consul General
Cunningham's letter of
June 19, 1968 to Premier
Johnson of Quebec

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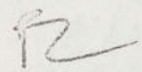
The Honorable Daniel Johnson
Premier of Québec,
Québec.

Dear Mr. Premier:

I have been instructed by my Ambassador to write to you to acknowledge your very sympathetic message to the President on the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. Your message of condolence has been conveyed to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Your expression of sympathy in the name of the people and the Government of Quebec is deeply appreciated by the President and by us all.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Cunningham
Consul General of the United States



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
TOMBALBAYE:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOC.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE'S
MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF CHAD AND I WERE SHOCKED
TO LEARN OF THE SHAMEFUL ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.
WE EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEPEST AND MOST HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.
VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. FRANCOIS TOMBALBAYE, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHAD. UNQTE. RUSK

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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LLERAS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE COMPARTO PROFUNDAMENTE CONMOVIDO EL DOLOR DEL GOBIERNO Y DEL PUEBLO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS POR EL OMINOSO SACRIFICIO DEL SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, QUIEN NO SOLO ERA UNA BRILLANTE FIGURA DE VUESTRA PATRIA SINO QUE PERSONIFICABA LOS MAS ALTOS IDEALES DE MEJORAMIENTO SOCIAL DE TODOS LOS PUEBLOS DEL MUNDO. ES GRAVE LA PERDIDA QUE CON SU MUERTE SUFRE LA HUMANIDAD ENTERA, TAN NECESITADA DE UNA PAZ ESTABLE Y DE UNA CONVIVENCIA PROVECHOSA Y FECUNDA ENTRE

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TODAS LAS NACIONES DEL ORBE. FORMULO VOTOS PORQUE VUESTRO GRAN PUEBLO SUPERE ESTA NUEVA Y DOLOROSA PRUEBA Y PORQUE SE RESTABLEZCA EL CLIMA DE CONCORDIA NECESSARIO PARA EL NORMAL DESARROLLO DE SU PROCESO DEMOCRATICO COMO EL MEJOR HOMENAJE A QUIEN BUSCO INCANSABLEMENTE EL IMPERIO DE LA JUSTICIA. PRESENTO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS ELEVADA CONSIDERACION.
CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA
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CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO PRESIDENTE DE LA REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

316 I SHARE WITH DEEP EMOTION THE SORROW OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHO WAS NOT ONLY A BRILLIANT FIGURE IN YOUR COUNTRY BUT WHO PERSONIFIED THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF SOCIAL BETTERMENT OF ALL PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. HIS DEATH REPRESENTS A SERIOUS LOSS TO ALL MANKIND, WHICH IS SO GREATLY IN NEED OF A DURABLE PEACE AND FRUITFUL COEXISTENCE OF ALL NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

I SINCERELY TRUST THAT YOUR GREAT PEOPLE MAY WITHSTAND THIS NEW AND PAINFUL TRIAL AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF CONCORD, SO NECESSARY FOR THE NORMAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES, MAY BE REESTABLISHED AS THE BEST FORM OF TRIBUTE TO HIM WHO TIRELESSLY SOUGHT THE RULE OF JUSTICE. I PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

CARLOS LLERAS RESTREPO

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA



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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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REF: KINSHASA 9620 AND 9681

1. IF EMBASSY HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO BOMBOZO'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE, REQUEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY QUIMBY BE TRANSMITTED TO GENERAL.

2. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. THE SYMPATHY WHICH YOU EXPRESSED ON YOUR OWN BEHALF AND THAT OF THE CONGOLESE NATIONAL ARMY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

3. I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY,
THOMAS H. E. QUIMBY. UNQTE

4. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY EXPRESS IN SIMILAR VEIN TO BOMBOKO, TSHISEKEDI, NENDAKA, AND NZEZA MR. QUIMBY'S APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE AND SYMPATHY.
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SUBJ: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED TODAY AT EMBASSY
FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ANC, LT GEN L. BOBOZO,

2. QUOTE. EXCELLENCY:

ON THIS DAY OF THE EXTREMELY TRAGIC AND UNEXPECTED DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A DEATH THAT PLUNGES NOT ONLY THE
KENNEDY FAMILY AND THOSE CLOSE TO HIM INTO MOURNING, BUT ALSO ALL
PEOPLES WHO LOVE PEACE, JUSTICE, AND TRUE DEMOCRACY, I SEND YOU,
WITH PROFOUND EMOTION, IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE CONGOLESE
NATIONAL ARMY AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR VERY SINCERE AND VERY DEEP
CONDOLENCES. PLEASE CONVEY OUR SYMPATHY TO THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT AND TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED. WE SHARE WITH
THEM THIS GREAT SORROW.

UNQUOTE.

SIGNED L. BOBOZO. MCGUIRE

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SUBJ: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED TODAY AT EM-
BASSY FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ANC, LT GEN L. BOBOZO,

2. QE EXCELLENCE: EN CETTE JOURNEE DE LA MORT EXTREMEMENT
TRAGIQUE ET INATTENDUE DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY. MORT QUI
ENDUEVILLE. NON SEULMENT LA FAMILLE KENNEDY ET PROCHES.
MAIS EGALEMENT TOUS LES PEUPLES EPRIS DE PAIX. DE JUSTICE.
ET DE VERITABLE DEMOCRATIE. JE VOUS PRESENTE. AVEC UNE TRES VIVE
EMOTION. AU NOM DE L'ARMEE NATIONALE CONGOLAISE TOUTE
ENTIERE. ET A MON NOM PERSONNEL. NOS TRES SINCERES ET PROFONDES
CONDOLEANCES. JE VOUS PRIE D'ETRE NOTRE INTERPRETE AUPRES DU
GOUVERNEMENT AMERICAIN. AINSI QU'A LA FAMILLE DEFUNT. NOUS
LEURS PARTAGEONS CETTE GRANDE DOULEUR. UNOTE. SIGNED L.
BOBOZO. MCGUIRE

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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, JOSE TREJOS FERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA
C/O US DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
HOTEL FONTAINEBLEU, MIAMI, FLORIDA

UNCLAS STATE 178356

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WE SHARED ONE HAPPY DAY TOGETHER AND ONE OF PROFOUND SORROW.
I KNOW YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY WITH A HEAVY HEART. BOTH
PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND SENATOR KENNEDY WERE CLOSELY IDENTIFIED
WITH COSTA RICA. YOUR PEOPLE FEEL THE SAME DEEP LOSS AS DO
THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, AS THAT OF HIS BROTHER,
REQUIRES US TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A WORLD OF
HARMONY, JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL.

OUR CONVERSATIONS STRENGTHENED US AS WE LEAD OUR TWO NATIONS
IN THIS CRUSADE.

MRS. JOHNSON JOINS ME IN SENDING WARMEST BEST WISHES TO YOU
AND MRS. TREJOS. YOU CARRY OUR FRIENDSHIP FOR ALL THE
PEOPLE OF COSTA RICA.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT VEGA:

1. QTE THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA HAS BEEN AND SHARED OUR GRIEF
AT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. UNQTE

2. QTE ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I
WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH WE WERE STRENGTHENED AND CONSOLED
IN A DIFFICULT TIME BY YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT, AND BY
YOUR OWN GRACIOUS MESSAGE. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOCR.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF VICE PRESIDENT VEGA'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE EN NOMBRE DE LA NACION COSTARRICENSE RUEGO A VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA ACEPTAR NUESTRA SOLIDARIDAD ANTE LA TRAGEDIA QUE
SUFREN LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA POR LA DESAPARICION DEL
ILUSTRE SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. JORGE VEGA RODRIGUEZ
PRIMER VICEPRESIDENTE EN EJERCICIO DE LA PRESIDENCIA DE LA
REPUBLICA. UNQTE RUSK

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Acknowledgement by the President of
the Condolence Message Received from
the Acting President of Costa Rica on
the Occasion of the Death of Senator
Kennedy

There is enclosed a copy of the condolence message sent to the President from the Acting President of Costa Rica on the occasion of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The Senator's death occurred during the visit to Washington of President Trejos of Costa Rica. For that reason, the official Presidential expression of condolence from Costa Rica was received from the First Vice President of Costa Rica during his exercise of the Presidency in the absence of President Trejos. A suggested reply to the Costa Rican message is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply
2. Message from the Acting President of Costa Rica

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Suggested Reply

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Republic of Costa Rica has seen and shared our grief at the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

On behalf of all the people of the United States, I want to tell you how much we were strengthened and consoled in a difficult time by your distinguished President, and by your own gracious message.

Lyndon B. Johnson

His Excellency,

Jorge Vega Rodriguez,

First Vice President of

The Republic of Costa Rica,

San Jose.

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PRESIDENT VEGA:

1. QTE I deeply appreciated the message you sent to me during
your exercise of the Presidency of the Republic of Costa Rica.
The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, which
so unfortunately occurred during the visit of President Trejos,
has come as a great shock to all Americans.

2. QTE The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a
source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your
message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Lyndon B. Johnson UNQTE

3. White House does not plan to release message, but has no
objection to release by GOCR.

4. Following, FYI, is Spanish text of Vice President Vega's
message to the President:

QTE En nombre de la nacion Costarricense ruego a Vuestra

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Excelencia aceptar nuestra solidaridad ante la tragedia que sufren los Estados Unidos de America por la desaparicion del ilustre Senador Robert F. Kennedy. Jorge Vega Rodriguez
Primer Vicepresidente en Ejercicio de la Presidencia de la Republica. UNQTE

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Translation

The President
The White House
Washington

In the name of the Costa Rican Nation, I
beg your Excellency to accept our sympathy over
the tragedy that has befallen the United States
of America in the death of the illustrious
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Jorge Vega Rodriguez
First Vice President
Acting President
of the Republic

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE.

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ACEPTAR NUESTRA SOLIDARIDAD ANTE LA TRAGEDIA QUE SUFREN LOS
ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA POR LA DESAPARICION DEL ILUSTRE
SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
MAKARIOS:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT MAKARIOS. RUSK

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WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, WHITE HOUSE

QUOTE ON THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I WISH TO EXPRESS THE DEEP
SYMPATHY AND SORROW OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS, OF MY
GOVERNMENT AND MYSELF. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND YOUR OWN FOR THIS NEW TRAGEDY
THAT HAS FALLEN UPON THE AMERICAN NATION. MAY GOD
REST HIS SOUL IN PEACE. UNQUOTE
ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
SMITH

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS ROBERT KENNEDY:

THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS,
DR. FAZIL KUCHUK, HAS ASKED THAT MRS. KENNEDY BE INFORMED OF
HIS "DEEP REGRET AND HORROR AT THE HEINOUS MURDER
OF SENATOR KENNEDY. THE AMERICAN NATION, AND INDEED THE WORLD
HAS LOST A CAPABLE AND ENERGETIC LEADER WHOSE SERVICES
WOULD HAVE BEEN SUCH AS WOULD, NO DOUBT, BENEFICIALLY
INFLUENCE THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD."
SMITH

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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT ALLEY:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE.

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GRD.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF PRESIDENT ALLEY'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND TO THE GRIEVING FAMILY MY SINCERE SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY. THE PEOPLE OF DAHOMEY JOIN IN THE MOURNING OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THE SENATOR FROM NEW YORK, WHO WAS SO CRUELLY TAKEN FROM THEM. PLEASE ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCE. LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALPHONSE ALLEY UNQTE RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

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J ADRESSE A VOTRE EXCELLENCE ET A LA FAMILLE DOULOUREUSEMENT
EPLOREE L EXPRESSIN DE MA SINCERE SYMPATHIE POUR LA MORT DE
MONSIE ROBERT KENNEDY LE PEUPLE DAHOMEEN S ASSOCIE AU DEUIL
CRUEL QUI ATTEINT LES AMERICAINS EN LA PERSONNE DU
SENATEUR DE L ETAT DE NEWYORK RAVI TRAGIQUEMENT A LEUR
AFFECTION JE VOUS PRIE D AGRÉER L ASSURANCE DE MES BIEN

VIVES CONDOLEANCES

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALPHONSE ALLEY



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TO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY BALAGUER.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF BALAGUER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

5. QTE: I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN MY OWN NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT, OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE LOSS OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. HIS DEATH HAS SHOCKED ALL DOMINICANS, WHO FULLY SHARE THE MOURNING OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. ACCEPT,

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EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDER-
ATION. JOAQUIN BALAGUER, CONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. UNQTE. RUSK

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EXPRESO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA, TANTO EN MI PROPIO NOMBRE COMO EN EL
DEL PUEBLO Y EL GOBIERNO DOMINICANOS, LOS SENTIMIENTOS DEL MAS
HONDO PESAR CON MOTIVO DE LA MUERTE DEL SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
CUYA DESAPARICION HA

CONMOVIDO LA SOCIEDAD DOMINICANA QUE SE ASO-

CIA UNANIMEMENTE AL DUELO DEL PUEBLO Y EL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS

UNIDOS.

SALUDA A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA CON SENTIMIENTO DE LA MAS DISTINGUIDA
CONSIDERACION.

JOAQUIN BALAGUER

PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE LA REPUBLICA

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

TODAY I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BALAGUER

(INFORMAL TRANSLATION).

"I EXPRESS FEELINGS OF MY DEEP SORROW TO YOUR EMBASSY,
AND THROUGH IT TO THE ENTIRE NORTH AMERICAN COLONY
RESIDING IN OUR COUNTRY, ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY, WHOSE PASSING HAS DEEPLY TOUCHED ALL DOMINICANS
WHO I AM CERTAIN JOIN ME AT THIS TIME IN EXTENDING TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY THIS EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE.

I GREET YOUR EXCELLENCY WITH FEELINGS OF THE MOST DISTIN-
GUISHED REGARD. (SIGNED) JOAQUIN BALAGUER, CONSTITUTIONAL
PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC."
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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
AROSEMENA:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE
2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE
3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOE.
4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TRANSLATED TEXT OF PRESIDENT AROSEMENA'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE

QUITO, JUNE 6, 1968

SORROWFULLY AFFECTED BY PREMATURE TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY LEADER OF DEMOCRACY AND BELOVED FRIEND OF LATIN AMERICA IT IS MY DUTY TO TRANSMIT TO YOU IN NAME OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ECUADOREAN PEOPLE DEEPEST FELT GRIEF OVER SUCH

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IRREPARABLE LOSS WHICH PLACES ALL AMERICA IN MOURNING. ACCEPT
TESTIMONY MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.
OTTO AROSEMENA GOMEZ UNQTE. RUSK

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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DESAPARICION SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ADALID DE LA DEMOCRACIA
Y DILECTO AMIGO DE LATINOAMERICA CUMPLEME HACER LLEGAR A USTED
EN NOMBRE GOBIERNO NACIONAL Y DEL PUEBLO ECUATORIANO EL MAS SENTID
O PESAME POR TAN IRREPARABLE PERDIDA QUE ENLUTA AMERICA TODA
SIRVASE ACEPTAR TESTIMONIO MI CONSIDERACION MAS ALTA

Y DISTINGUIDA

OTTO AROSEMENA GOMEZ PRESIDENTE CONSTITUCIONAL DE LA REPUBLICA
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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON FROM
MINISTER OF HEALTH DR. GUILLERMO MOLINA DE FRANC. QUOTE

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

A NOMBRE PUEBLO ECUATORIANO EXCMO RECIBA USTED EL SENTIMIENTO
DE INTIMO PESAR POR LA MUERTE PREMATURA DEL SENADOR ROBERT
KENNEDY. ATTE.

DR. GUILLERMO MOLINA DE FRANC
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ECUADOR UNQUOTE

2. REQUEST CHARGE MAKE APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON BEHALF
OF PRESIDENT IN MANNER DEEMED APPROPRIATE. RUSK

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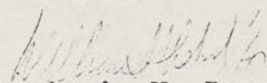
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Message from President to Minister of
Health of Ecuador

The Minister of Health of Ecuador has sent to the President the enclosed telegram expressing the grief of the people of Ecuador over the death of Senator Kennedy. Since the approved acknowledgment, signed by the President, has been sent in response to the condolence message from President Arosemena, the Department recommends that the Embassy in Quito be instructed to make an appropriate reply, on behalf of the President, to the Minister of Health.


Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

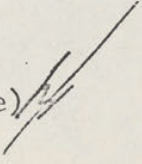
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Message from Minister of
Public Health of Ecuador
and translation

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S/CPR - Mr. Abell (by phone) 

S/S - Mr. Parker _____

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PRESIDENTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE NA WASHINGTON

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EL SENTIMIENTO DE INTIMO PESAR PORILA MUERTE PREMATURA

DEL SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY ATTO

DR GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRANCE

MINISTRO DE SALUD PUBLICA DEL ECUADOR

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HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ON BEHALF OF THE ECUADOREAN PEOPLE, ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THIS
EXPRESSION OF PROFOUND GRIEF OVER THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY. RESPECTFULLY,

DR. GUILLERMO MOLINA DEFRANCE
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF ECUADOR



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
SANCHEZ:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST AP-
PRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANS-
MIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
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1. PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' PRESS SECRETARY HAS ASKED EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY EXPRESSING PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' CONDOLENCES DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD AT ITS DISCRETION MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

MR. LYNDON JOHNSON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR ARE SHOCKED AT THIS TERRIBLE EVENT AND EXPRESS THEIR DEEP SORROW. THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS A SEVERE BLOW TO DEMOCRACY.

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ,
PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR

MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

THE KENNEDY BROTHERS ARE THE SYMBOL OF THE MOST NOBLE DEMOCRATIC TRADITION OF OUR HEMISPHERE. THE PEOPLE OF EL SALVADOR, STRICKEN WITH HORROR, SHARE YOUR PROFOND GRIEF OVER THE IRREPARABLE LOSS OF YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS HUSBAND, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND OFFER THEIR PRAYERS FOR THE INTERNAL REST OF HIS SOUL.

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ,
PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR

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1. PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' PRESS SECRETARY HAS ASKED EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY EXPRESSING PRESIDENT SANCHEZ' CONDOLENCES DEATH SENATOR KENNEDY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT FORWARD AT ITS DISCRETION MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY.

2. SENOR LYNDON JOHNSON, CASA BLANCA, WASHINGTON

3. PUEBLO DE EL SALVADOR CONSTERNADO ANTE FATAL DESENLAJE LE EXPRESA SU SENTIDO PESAME. LA TRAGICA MUERTE DEL SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY CONSTITUYE UN RUDO GOLPE PARA LA DEMOCRACIA.

4. FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENTE DE EL SALVADOR

5. MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

6. LOS HERMANOS KENNEDY SON SIMBOLO DE LA MAS NOBLE ESTIRPE DEMOCRATICA DE NUESTRO CONTINENTE. EL PUEBLO SALVADORENO CONSTERNADO COMPARTI SU PROFUNDO DOLOR POR LA IRREPARABLE PERDIDA DE SU ILUSTRE ESPOSO SENADOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY Y ELEVA SUS ORACIONES POR EL DESCANSO ETERNO DE SU ALMA.

7. FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENTE DE EL SALVADOR.
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THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR, I EXPRESS
TO YOU OUR DEEP SORROW OVER THE ATTEMPT MADE AGAINST THE LIFE OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. SINCERELY,

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR

Office of the White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EN NOMBRE PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO EL SALVADOR PATENTIZO A USTED
EXPRESIONES SINCERO PESAR POR ATENTADO CONTRA LA VIDA
SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY AFECTISIMO

FIDEL SANCHEZ HERNANDEZ PRESIDENTE DE EL SALVADOR



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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOU SHARE OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY HIM.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF HIM'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE GRIEVOUS NEWS OF THE PASSING AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET HAS CAUSED US GREAT SORROW. ON THIS DOLOROUS OCCASION WE EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE GREAT LOSS SUSTAINED BY OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD. HAILE SELASSIE EMPEROR.
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PRESIDENT OF THE USA THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

THE GRIEVOUS NEWS OF THE PASSING AWAY OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

AS A RESULT OF AN ASSASSINS BULLET HAS CAUSED US GREAT SORROW STOP

ON THIS DOLROUS OCCASION WE EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THROUGH

YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S. OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE GREAT

LOSS SUSTAINED BY YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD

HAILE SELASSIE EMPEROR

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
KEKKONEN:

1. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF
OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR COUNTRYMEN SHARE OUR GRIEF IS
A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR
MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
LYNDON B. JOHNSON UNQTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRESIDENT.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S MESSAGE
TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE GREAT LOSS TO THE UNITED
STATES AND TO THE WORLD INCURRED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE MY WARMEST SYMPATHY. URHO KEKKONEN UNQTE. RUSKI

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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THE WORLD INCURRED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY WARMEST
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URHO KEKKONEN

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND



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PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 12 TO GENERAL DE GAULLE FROM AMBASSADOR SHRIVER:

BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE

PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

PARIS

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR COMPASIONATE AND THOUGHTFUL LETTER REACHED ME BY CABLE HERE IN WASHINGTON WHERE I HAD COME FOR THE FUNERAL OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I WAS DEEPLY TOUCHED TO RECEIVE SUCH AN ELOQUENT AND SENSITIVE MESSAGE FROM YOU, AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY, ESPECIALLY MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, WILL TREASURE YOUR WORDS FOR YEARS TO COME.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE GRACIOUS RECEPTION GIVEN TO MY WIFE AND MRS. JOAN KENNEDY BY MADAME DE GAULLE AND YOURSELF LAST WEEK. IT WAS AN HONOR FOR THEM TO TALK WITH MADAME DE GAULLE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD AND

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THEY WERE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE VISIT YOU PAID TO THEM AND
THE GENEROUS COMMENTS YOU MADE AT THAT TIME ABOUT SENATOR KENNEDY.

THESES ARE MOMENTOUS TIMES. I PRAY THAT YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE
WILL BOTH FULFILL THEIR DESTINIES WITH STRENGTH AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. RESPECTIVELY YOURS.

ROBERT SARGENT SHRIVER END TEXT

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PASS AMBASSADOR SHRIVER

FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JUNE 6 FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE TO AMBASSADOR
SHRIVER RECEIVED TODAY:

"MR. AMBASSADOR:

"ONCE AGAIN, IN THE SAME FAMILY, AND SUFFERING THE SAME FATE, YOUTH,
ENERGY, AND TALENT HAVE NOW BEEN DESTROYED BY THE ACT OF A MADMAN.

"YOU KNOW HOW DEEPLY FRANCE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ORDEAL THUS
INFLECTED UPON THE UNITED STATES, AND HOW FULLY IT SHARES THE GRIEF
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

"YESTERDAY, I TOLD MRS. SHRIVER AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY HOW HIGHLY
I PRIZED SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S EMINENT QUALITIES OF MIND AND
CHARACTER. TODAY, HIS PASSING GRIEVES ME PROFOUNDLY.

"MY WIFE JOINS WITH ME IN EXPRESSING OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO
YOU AND MRS. SHRIVER, AND IN ASSURING YOU OF OUR SYMPATHY FOR
MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY, HER CHILDREN, AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY, WHOSE
HEARTS AND HOPES ARE SO GRIEVOUSLY STRICKEN.

"PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH
CONSIDERATION."

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO DE GAULLE:

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3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY DE GAULLE.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF DE GAULLE'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE THE TRAGEDY THAT HAS JUST SHAKEN THE UNITED STATES, AND ONCE AGAIN PLUNGED THE KENNEDY FAMILY INTO MOURNING, DEEPLY GRIEVES THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE. I WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR GRIEF TO YOU, AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT I SHARE YOUR SORROW AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. C. DE GAULLE UNQTE. RUSK

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July 3, 1968

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TO: ~~Mrs. Davis~~
Mr. Brock ✓

Attached for your information/
retention is the back-up record copy
of Kennedy condolence messages.

The standard formats are on the
inside cover, incoming messages are
at Tab A and outgoing messages at
Tab B, both filed in alphabetical
order.

The bound condolence volume with
transmittal letter should be ready
for forwarding to the White House on
Friday.

Bill
William Shepard
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